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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE DEVICE, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION APPARATUS $\,$ and invented by: Kazuyuki HAYAMIZU, Yoshiyuki KOMURA, Yukari TERAKAWA, Hayami HOSOKAWA, Toshiyuki TAKAHASHI, Masayoshi HIGUCHI, Yoshitaka TATARA, Naru YASUDA, and Hiroto NOZAWA If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information: ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: ☐ Continuation Divisional Which is a: ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: ☐ Continuation Which is a: ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Enclosed are: **Application Elements** 1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below *** FILING FEES DEFERRED *** pages and including the following: Specification having 59 Descriptive Title of the Invention a. 🔀 Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable) Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable) c. 🔲 Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix d. 🔲 e. 🛛 Background of the Invention f. 🛛 Brief Summary of the Invention g. 🛛 Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) h. 🛛 **Detailed Description** PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE Claim(s) as Classified Below i. 🛛 Abstract of the Disclosure j. 🛛

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